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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF GENERATING A DIGITAL SIGNAL THAT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF MATCH ERRORS IN AN ANALOG DIGITAL CONVERSION SYSTEM WITH TIME INTERLEAVING, AND AN ANALOG DIGITAL CONVERTER WITH TIME INTERLEAVING USING SAME

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

#### **Response to Amendments**

Applicant's amendment filed on 3/27/2008 has been carefully considered. As a result of canceling claim 2 and amending claims 1, 3-10 and 12, the application is in condition for allowance.

# Specification

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

# **Drawings**

Figures 1-3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance. New drawing are need in response to this office action.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 3-12 are allowable.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art, considered individually or in combination, fails to fairly teach or suggest claimed method and apparatus comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitation of "Fs is the sampling frequency and N the number of channels of the analog digital conversion system with time interleaving and whose amplitude dependent on the frequency response of the analog digital converter" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitation in the manner as cited in the claim and dependent claims 3-12.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### **Cited References**

The prior art made of record and not replied upon is considered pertinent to application's disclosures. The cited references relate to instant application subject matter.

#### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAM T. MAI whose telephone number is (571)272-1807. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 am - 4:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Barnie Rexford can be reached on (571) 272-7492. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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